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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Gary K. Michelson, M.D.

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For: ANTERIOR CERVICAL PLATING  
SYSTEM AND BONE SCREW

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

**COMMUNICATION**

In reply to the Office Action dated March 27, 2003, please amend the application  
as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please amend the specification to read as follows:

Page 31, insert after paragraph 6:

E<sub>1</sub> --FIG. 82 is a further embodiment of a cervical spine single locking plate for use in  
stabilizing multiple segments of the spine.--.

**REMARKS**

In response to the Communication dated March 27, 2003, Applicant amended  
the specification to include a brief description of Fig. 82 to correct the inconsistency  
between the drawings and the Brief Description of the Drawings. The amendment to  
the specification is at least supported by U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/037,139,